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Sumpter Township, Belleville, Van Buren Township, Huron Township and Romulus voters will decide on a new judge at the 34th District Court Nov. 3.

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The Aquatic Center at the Summit on the Park is expected to reopen early next year, following completion of \$1.5 million in major renovations.

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Inkster police are continuing to search for two suspects in a shooting incident last week which took place during a large gathering at a party.

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THE NORTHVILLE EAGLE

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While the Halloween spirit and some activities are in question due to the Coronavirus safety precautions, the skeletons in downtown Northville are on full display.

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Members of the Plymouth-Canton VFW Post 6695 are sponsoring the annual scholarship program for students in grades 6 through 12.

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Romulus City Clerk Ellen Craig Bragg is among the local clerks extending hours this month to accommodate the strong voter turnout expected for the Nov. 3 election.

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The State Wayne Theater was scheduled to reopen last week the first time since closing in response to COVID 19 health concerns.

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THE WESTLAND EAGLE

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An autistic man who suffered a serious injury from a blow by a Westland police officer wielding a baton may once again face armed robbery charges.

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2 local men charged in militia kidnap plot

Two local men are facing federal and state criminal charges in connection with a plot to kidnap and possibly kill Gov. Gretchen Whitmer before the Nov. 3 election.

The two are among 13 men arrested by agents of the FBI and Michigan State Police last week. The men are reportedly all members of self-described militia groups in the state and hatched the plot in protest of the governor's orders regarding health precautions during the ongoing COVID 19 pandemic. Some of the men charged attended a protest on the Capitol steps earlier this year and were photographed carrying assault weapons among protestors brandishing signs critical of the governor.

The suspects are charged with multiple felonies including domestic terrorism, and face life in prison on some charges if convicted of the allegations which include both federal and state crimes.

The plot was foiled by undercover informants who turned against the group, according to published reports.

Among those arraigned last week on multiple charges is Brandon Caserta, 32, of Canton Township. Federal prosecutors allege in court documents that

Caserta met with others at the Lake Orion home of another militia member on Aug. 23.

"The group had discussed concerns about being infiltrated by law enforcement and all attendees were required to bring personal documents to confirm their identities," according to prosecutors. "During the meeting, the group discussed surveilling the vacation home (of the governor) in preparation for attacks on the Governor."

Members of the group had, in fact, discovered the address of the governor's vacation home and had surveilled the location on at least two occasions, investigators noted.

Caserta is facing federal charges of domestic terrorism for his part in the plot and could also face state charges, according to authorities.

Belleville resident Shawn Fix is facing state charges for what prosecutors allege was his participation in the kidnapping plot.

He is charged with providing material support for terrorist acts, a 20-year felony and/or a \$20,000 fine and carrying or possessing a firearm during the commission of a felony, a mandatory two-year prison sentence. He remains in police custody.

According to investigators, Fix displayed both an American



Shawn Fix



Brandon Caserta

flag and a flag with a coiled snake and the words, "Don't Tread On Me" in the front yard of his Belleville home, along with two 'Truckers for Trump' signs.

According to witnesses, more than a dozen police vehicles, including a SWAT van, swarmed Fix' home at about 6:30 p.m. last Wednesday. Police warned Fix to put down his weapon and come out of the home and neighbors said they witnessed several people in handcuffs being removed from the home by officers. Police stayed at the Belleville home for about three hours conducting a search of the house and the adjacent wooded area.

According to the office of State Attorney General Dana

Nessel the suspects were members of a militia group called The Wolverine Watchmen. They are accused in state filings of attempting to identify law enforcement officers' home addresses in order to target the officers and have made threats of violence to instigate a civil war leading to societal collapse. Court documents also claim that the men have engaged in planning and training for an operation to attack the Michigan Capitol building and kidnap government officials including the governor. Investigators said the men planned to take Whitmer to an undisclosed Wisconsin location where a "trial" would take place which could have resulted in her murder.

Westland man arrested in Northville hit-and-run

Northville Township Police have arrested a Westland teen in the hit-and-run death of a local man earlier this month.

Gustavo Godinez, Jr., 19, was arrested Friday and faces up to 15 years in prison if convicted of charges that he was driving the

vehicle that struck and killed 20-year-old Dominic Duhn of Northville.

The incident took place at about 11:30 p.m. Sept. 3 when Duhn, a student at Michigan State University, was skateboarding with some friends

along Sheldon Road near Six Mile in the township. Duhn died at the scene, according to police reports, and witnesses told officers that the driver of the vehicle, driving southbound toward Five Mile Road, sped from the scene without stopping. They described the car as either a white or silver sedan that would have sustained damage from the impact.

Duhn's father said his son was using a strobe light on his cell phone to alert drivers of his presence along the side of the roadway.

The office of the Wayne County Prosecutor has charged Godinez with failure to stop at the scene of an at-fault accident resulting in serious impairment or death, a felony punishable by up to 15 years in prison. Godinez was arraigned last Friday before Judge Michael Gerou of the 35th

District Court and a not guilty plea was entered on his behalf. His bond was set at \$250,000 or 10 percent and he must wear a GPS tether if released, Gerou also ordered Godinez not to operate a vehicle.

Godinez' next court date is Oct. 23 at the 35th District Court in Plymouth.

"The active involvement of the community, the Michigan State Police and Crime Stoppers of Michigan brought this investigation to a close," noted Northville Township Department of Public Safety Director Todd L. Mutchler in a prepared statement.

Last week, Crime Stoppers, the Duhn family, and other donors were offering a \$15,000 reward as the family attended a press conference pleading for justice for their son and for the driver to come forward.



Gustavo Godinez, Jr.



Dominic Duhn

Local mayor elected to lead Michigan Municipal League

Westland Mayor William R. Wild has been named as the 2020-21 president of the Michigan Municipal League.

Wild was selected to the office by the 18-member Michigan Municipal League (MML) Board of Trustees during the virtual convention of the organization which took place last month. Board members also named Pontiac Mayor Dr. Deirdre Waterman as vice president.

"It's very exciting to be the League's president, and it's something I'm very proud of," Wild said. "To say the least, it's an exciting, yet challenging time for local governments. We're trying to redefine our communities to remain relevant, while also tackling some of the biggest challenges we've ever faced."

Wild succeeds Saginaw Mayor Pro Tem Brenda F. Moore as president, whose historic term as the first African-American female president of

the organization ended this week.

Selected to the League Board in September of 2017, Wild had served as vice president since January and, along with Moore, helped guide the organization as it addressed the coronavirus pandemic and racial inequities brought to the national spotlight following the death of George Floyd in Minneapolis, according to League directors.

"Mayor Pro Tem Moore and Mayor Wild have done an amazing job leading our organization and our member communities over the past several months, which have been very challenging to put it mildly," said League CEO and Executive Director Dan Gilmartin. "I have the utmost confidence that Mayor Wild will continue the strong and thoughtful leadership that he demonstrated as vice president. Mayor Wild brings a wealth of municipal experience that I know will serve our organ-



William R. Wild

ization well in the next year."

Wild has extensive experience in municipal leadership and is the longest serving mayor in the history of Westland. He is active in the League since attending his first MML Convention in 2000, participating in the League Elected

Officials Academy, and serving on various legislative and municipal finance committees. Prior to becoming mayor of Westland in 2007, Wild served on the Westland Planning Commission from 1999 to 2001 and was elected to the city council from 2001 to 2007, serving as council president from 2006-2007. He also is former U.S. House of Representatives candidate for MI-13th in 2018.

His involvement extends beyond the League as he's also active with the United States Conference of Mayors, Conference of Western Wayne (CWW), Southeast Michigan Council of Governments (SEM-COG), and the Michigan Municipal Risk Management Authority (MMRMA). Under his leadership as mayor, Westland has successfully attracted more than \$200 million in new investment to the Westland business

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MINUTES OF THE REGULAR ROMULUS CITY COUNCIL MEETING
September 28, 2020
Romulus City Hall Council Chambers, 11111 Wayne Rd, Romulus, MI 48174
MEETING HELD ELECTRONICALLY
VIA ZOOM MEETING/TELECOMMUNICATION

Pledge of Allegiance

Pledge of Allegiance led by Councilman Wadsworth

Roll Call

Present: Kathy Abdo, John Barden, Celeste Roscoe, Tina Talley, William Wadsworth, Eva Webb, Virginia Williams

Absent / Excused:

Administrative Officials in Attendance:

LeRoy Burcroff, Mayor

Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, Clerk

Stacy Paige, Treasurer

Administrative Staff in Attendance:

D'Sjonaun Hockenhull - Deputy Clerk; Carol Maise - Planning Director; Stephen Dudek - Technology

Director; Maria Farris - Finance Director; Joshua Monte - Police Captain; Stephen Hitchcock - City

Attorney

1. Agenda

A. Moved by Celeste Roscoe, seconded by Tina Talley to accept the agenda as presented

Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Abdo, Barden, Roscoe, Talley, Wadsworth, Williams

Nays - None

Abstain - Webb

Motion Carried

2. Minutes

A. **Res. #20-246** Moved by **William Wadsworth**, seconded by **Kathy Abdo** to approve the Minutes from the Regular meeting held on September 14, 2020

Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Abdo, Barden, Roscoe, Talley, Wadsworth, Williams

Nays - None

Abstain - Webb

Motion Carried

B. **Res. #20-247** Moved by **Kathy Abdo**, seconded by **Celeste Roscoe** to approve the Minutes from the Special Meeting(s) held on September 14, 2020 - 5:45pm, Closed Session - Union Matters; 6:30pm, Zoning Ordinance Amendments.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Abdo, Barden, Roscoe, Talley, Wadsworth, Williams

Nays - None

Abstain - Webb

Motion Carried

3. Petitioner

• **Res. #20-248** Moved by **William Wadsworth**, seconded by **Celeste Roscoe** to approve the SLU-2020-002; Spartan Barricade (30211 Ecorse) Special Land Use Request

Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Abdo, Barden, Roscoe, Talley, Wadsworth,

Nays - None

Abstain - Williams, Webb

Motion Carried

4. Chairperson's Report, John Barden, Mayor Pro-Tem

A. Moved by **Celeste Roscoe**, seconded by **Tina Talley** to accept the Chairperson's Report

Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Abdo, Barden, Roscoe, Talley, Wadsworth, Webb

Nays - None

Abstain - Williams

Motion Carried

5. Mayor's Report - LeRoy D. Burcroff, Mayor

A. **Res. #20-249** Moved by Celeste Roscoe, seconded by Eva Webb to accept the Introduction of Budget Amendment 20/21-6 Library

Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Abdo, Barden, Roscoe, Talley, Wadsworth, Webb, Williams

Nays - None

Motion Carried Unanimously

B. **Res. #20-250** Moved by **William Wadsworth**, seconded by **Kathy Abdo** to accept the Introduction of Budget Amendment 20/21-7 Library

Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Abdo, Barden, Roscoe, Talley, Wadsworth, Webb, Williams

Nays - None

Motion Carried Unanimously

C. **Res. #20-251** Moved by **Eva Webb**, seconded by **Kathy Abdo** to accept the Introduction of Budget Amendment 20/21-8 Library

Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Abdo, Barden, Roscoe, Talley, Wadsworth, Webb, Williams

Nays - None

Motion Carried Unanimously

D. **Res. #20-252** Moved by **Celeste Roscoe**, seconded by **Eva Webb** to accept the Introduction of Budget Amendment 20/21-9 Public Safety

Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Abdo, Barden, Roscoe, Talley, Wadsworth, Webb, Williams

Nays - None

Motion Carried Unanimously

6. Clerk's Report - Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, Clerk

A. **Res. #20-253** Moved by **William Wadsworth**, seconded by **Virginia Williams** to approve the Study Session Request from Roberto Scapatucci, DPW Director for 10/12/2020 @ 6:30pm

Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Abdo, Barden, Roscoe, Talley, Wadsworth, Webb, Williams

Nays - None

Motion Carried Unanimously

B. **Res. #20-254** Moved by **Celeste Roscoe**, seconded by **Eva Webb** to accept the Second Reading and Final Adoption of TA-2020-001; Article 16 Condominiums

Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Abdo, Barden, Roscoe, Talley, Wadsworth, Webb, Williams

Nays - Abdo, Williams

Motion Carried

7. Treasurer's Report - Stacy Paige, Treasurer

Treasurer Paige made reminder that taxes are due 9/29/20. She gave drop-off locations and encouraged everyone to not mail their taxes to avoid late fee.

8. Public Comment - Citizens are to limit their comments to three (3) minutes. All citizens wishing to speak will be heard.

A resident inquired if any incentives are given to Romulus residents as it relates to the Amazon plant and recently announced Kroger Fulfillment Center

The same resident also complained about heavy weeds on the side of his condominium that aren't being handled, in addition to a knocked down tree.

9. Unfinished Business

Councilman Wadsworth inquired, on behalf of a resident, as to when the VA memorial will be put back up and restarted - The mayor will look into the matter.

10. New Business

11. Warrant

A. **Res. #20-255** Moved by **Kathy Abdo**, seconded by **Tina Talley** to accept the Approval of Warrant #: 20-18, Checks presented in the amount of **\$1,007,783.42**

Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Abdo, Barden, Roscoe, Talley, Wadsworth, Webb, Williams

Nays - Williams

Motion Carried

12. Communication

Councilwoman Roscoe announced the winner of the Sunflower Growing Contest. She introduced the Cutest Baby/Cutest Pet Contest with an entry deadline of 10/9/2020. She also the Fall Harvest Porch Decoration Contest with a deadline of 10/25/2020. She introduced the Romulus Art Fall Contest with a deadline of 10/23/20. She also made a reminder of the Cornhole tournament to benefit low-income seniors being held on 10/3/20 at Blue Sky or at the Historical Park Pavilion if it rains. Councilwoman Talley thanked everyone for their support of the US Census and reminded everyone that the Ministerial Alliance Pop-up prayer will be at the Fourth St area near Romulus Community Baptist Church. Councilwoman Williams thanked council and everyone for their support of Forgotten Harvest, whose last day was 9/23/20. She also introduced two memorial resolutions

Res. #20-256 Moved by **Virginia Williams**, seconded by **Eva Webb** to adopt a memorial resolution for the family of Anita Green

Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Abdo, Barden, Roscoe, Talley, Wadsworth, Webb, Williams

Nays - None

Motion Carried Unanimously

Res. #20-257 Moved by **Virginia Williams**, seconded by **Eva Webb** to adopt a memorial resolution for the family of Diane Mayweather

Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Abdo, Barden, Roscoe, Talley, Wadsworth, Webb, Williams

Nays - None

Motion Carried Unanimously

13. Adjournment

Moved by William Wadsworth, seconded by Eva Webb to adjourn the meeting at 9:00pm

Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Abdo, Barden, Roscoe, Talley, Wadsworth, Webb, Williams

Nays - None

Motion Carried Unanimously

I, Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, Clerk for the City of Romulus, Michigan do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true copy of the minutes of the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held on September 28, 2020.



Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, City Clerk
City of Romulus, Michigan

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MINUTES OF THE REGULAR ROMULUS CITY COUNCIL MEETING
September 14, 2020
MEETING HELD ELECTRONICALLY
VIA ZOOM MEETING/TELECOMMUNICATION

The meeting was called to order at 7:30pm by Mayor Pro Tem, John Barden

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

Present: Kathy Abdo, John Barden, Celeste Roscoe, Tina Talley, William Wadsworth, Eva Webb, Virginia Williams

Absent / Excused:

Administrative Officials in Attendance:

Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, Clerk

Julie Wojtylko, Chief of Staff

1. Agenda

A. Approval of Agenda

Moved by Kathy Abdo, seconded by Tina Talley to approve the Amended Agenda.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Abdo, Barden, Roscoe, Talley, Wadsworth, Webb, Williams

Nays - None

Motion Carried Unanimously

2. Minutes

A. Approval of minutes from the Regular Council Meeting held on September 8, 2020.

Res. # 20-237 Moved by **William Wadsworth**, seconded by **Kathy Abdo** to approve the minutes from the Regular Council Meeting held on September 8, 2020.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Abdo, Barden, Roscoe, Talley, Wadsworth, Webb, Williams

Nays - None

Motion Carried Unanimously

B. Approval of minutes from the Special Meeting - Closed Session held on September 8, 2020

Res. # 20-238 Moved by **Kathy Abdo**, seconded by **William Wadsworth** to approve the minutes from the Special Meeting - Closed Session held on September 8, 2020

Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Abdo, Barden, Roscoe, Talley, Wadsworth, Webb, Williams

Nays - None

Motion Carried Unanimously

3. Petitioner

A. SLU-2017-001; **Mid-Michigan Crushing & Recycling** (28175 Ecorse Rd.) Special Land Use Request

Res. # 20-239 Moved by **William Wadsworth**, seconded by **Celeste Roscoe** to approve the SLU-2017-001; **Mid-Michigan Crushing & Recycling** (28175 Ecorse Rd.) Special Land Use Request for concrete and asphalt crushing operations subject to the conditions of site plan approval

Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Abdo, Barden, Roscoe, Talley, Wadsworth, Webb

Nays - None

Abstain - Williams

Motion Carried

B. SLU-2020-002; **Spartan Barricade** (30211 Ecorse) Special Land Use Request

No Petitioners. No action taken

4. Chairperson's Report, John Barden, Mayor Pro-Tem

Res. # 20-240 Moved by Celeste Roscoe, seconded by Eva Webb to approve the tentative agreement for collective bargaining agreement between City of Romulus and American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees Union (AFSCME) effective from July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2024.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Abdo, Barden, Roscoe, Talley, Wadsworth, Webb, Williams

Nays - None

Motion Carried Unanimously

A. Approval of the Chairperson's Report

Moved by **Celeste Roscoe**, seconded by **Kathy Abdo** to accept the Chairperson's Report

Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Abdo, Barden, Roscoe, Talley, Wadsworth, Webb, Williams

Nays - None

Motion Carried Unanimously

5. Mayor's Report - LeRoy D. Burcroff, Mayor

6. Clerk's Report - Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, Clerk

A. For Introduction and First Reading - Zoning Ordinance Amendment to TA-2019-002; Section 7.05, Vining Road Subarea Overlay District.

Agenda amended to remove item from agenda

B. For Introduction and First Reading - Zoning Ordinance Amendment to TA-2020-001; Article 16, Condominiums.

Res. #20-241 Moved by Eva Webb, seconded by Celeste Roscoe to approve For Introduction and First Reading - Zoning Ordinance Amendment to TA-2020-001; Article 16, Condominiums.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Abdo, Barden, Roscoe, Talley, Wadsworth, Webb, Williams

Nays - Virginia Williams

Motion Carried Unanimously

7. Treasurer's Report - Stacy Paige, Treasurer

8. Public Comment - Citizens are to limit their comments to three (3) minutes. All citizens wishing to speak will be heard.

A resident inquired about Legacy Park condominiums obtaining their own retention pond.

A resident commented on the Animal Shelter Owner Surrender Fee to be discussed under Unfinished Business of City Council Regular Meeting Agenda Item 9

9. Unfinished Business

A. Motion to take from the table - (9-8-2020) Agenda Item 6B - "Request to Add Animal Shelter Owner Surrender Fee to 20/21 Fee Schedule"

Res. # 20-242 Moved by **William Wadsworth**, seconded by **Eva Webb** to approve the Motion to take from the table - (9-8-2020) Agenda Item 6B - "Request to Add Animal Shelter Owner Surrender Fee to 20/21 Fee Schedule"

Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Abdo, Barden, Roscoe, Talley, Wadsworth, Webb, Williams

Nays - None

Motion Carried Unanimously

B. Request approval to add "Animal Shelter Owner Surrender Fee" to the 20/2021 Fee Schedule.

Res. # 20-243 Moved by **William Wadsworth**, seconded by **Eva Webb** to approve the Request approval to add "Animal Shelter Owner Surrender Fee" to the 20/2021 Fee Schedule.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Abdo, Barden, Roscoe, Talley, Wadsworth, Webb, Williams

Nays - None

Motion Carried Unanimously

10. New Business

Res. # 20-244 Moved by **William Wadsworth**, seconded by **Eva Webb** to approve a resolution to cease construction on Wick Rd on Election Day, November 3, 2020

Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Kathy Abdo, John Barden, Celeste Roscoe, Tina Talley, William Wadsworth, Eva Webb, Virginia Williams

Nays - None

Motion Carried Unanimously.

11. Warrant

A. Approval of Warrant #: 20-17, Checks presented in the amount of \$ 1,532,833.38

Res. # 20-245 Moved by **Kathy Abdo**, seconded by **Tina Talley** to approve the Approval of Warrant #: 20-17, Checks presented in the amount of \$ 1,532,833.38

Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Abdo, Barden, Roscoe, Talley, Wadsworth, Webb, Williams

Nays - None

Motion Carried Unanimously

12. Communication

Councilwoman Roscoe gave a reminder of the citywide garage sale for September 14 - September 26, 2020 and the drive-in movie event on September 25, 2020 at park behind seniors citizen center. Councilwoman Talley gave a reminder and update on the 2020 U.S. Census. Councilwoman Talley also announced that the Ministerial Alliance will have "Pop-up Prayer" on September 17, 2020 at 6:00pm at City Hall and acknowledged the responsiveness of the Mayor's team/administration. Councilwoman Williams gave a reminder that Forgotten Harvest will be at Romulus High School on September 15, 2020 at noon and free Covid testing scheduled for September 17, 2020 at Mt. Olive Baptist Church. Councilwoman Abdo inquired as to the timeframe when absentee ballots will be mailed out to residents. DPW Director Robert McCraight announced a cornhole tournament to benefit seniors located Blue Sky Restaurant on October 3, 2020 at noon.

13. Adjournment

Moved by **William Wadsworth**, seconded by **Eva Webb** to approve to adjourn the meeting at 9:15 p.m

Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Abdo, Barden, Roscoe, Talley, Wadsworth, Webb, Williams

Nays - None

Motion Carried Unanimously

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BELLEVILLE - ROMULUS - SUMPTER

Voters to choose new judge at 34th court

Sumpter Township, Belleville, Van Buren Township, Huron Township and Romulus voters will decide on a new judge at the 34th District Court which serves all the communities.

Lisa Martin and Alexandria Taylor were the top vote getters seeking the six-year term during the August primary election and will now appear on the General Election ballot Nov. 3.

One of them will replace incumbent Judge David Parrott, who placed third in the primary and was eliminated from the ballot. Parrott was embattled in controversy after a drunken driving incident, as well as a suspension with pay following a domestic violence assault and battery charge.

Martin, 48, is a staff attorney with Lakeshore Legal Aid in Warren. She was appointed as attorney magistrate in the 34th District Court from June 2018 until February 2020. She and her husband, Kevin, have resided in the Van Buren Township area for more than 13 years.

Taylor, 39, is the managing attorney of her own firm, Taylor Law Firm located in Detroit. She is the chairwoman of the Charter Commission in Romulus and has three children.

Martin has pointed to her education at Harvard University and University of Michigan Law School and her 21 years of legal experience as examples of her qualifications. She said her experience has been primarily in Michigan district courts and her service as a magistrate at the Romulus court makes her uniquely qualified to serve as the newest judge there.

She also noted that she has a long history of volunteer service to community support programs which add to her qualifications.

Taylor cited her experience as a trial lawyer as one of her strongest qualifications along with a “mix of experience and character,” and said she has the temperament to best serve the residents of the communities.

She said she has spent her entire career as a litigator, including working as an assistant city attorney in Woodhaven and Allen Park. She said she has been in court trials in district and circuit courts throughout the state and has practiced appellate law, arguing in the Michigan Court of Appeals.

She said that practicing law adds perspective and that working as an assistant city attorney helped her learn to the value of collaboration and a positive working relationship with local law enforcement.

Both names will be on the Nov. 3 ballot in all the communities served by the 34th District Court.



Lisa Martin



Alexandria Taylor

Romulus library begins phase 3 of reopening

The Romulus Library is now in phase three of reopening to the public and service now include computer use by appointment and quick business tasks like faxing, copying and printing. Visitors can renew their library cards, apply for new cards and pick up items on hold inside the facility, noted Assistant Director Youth Services Librarian Jessica Wilhoite.

Curbside services are still available for those who prefer them, she said.

Browsing the collection, study tables, seating, and the meeting room are not available. The children's area will remain closed at this time.

“Our top priority is the health and safety of the community, our patrons, and our staff. To help prevent the spread of COVID-19, the library is providing services with guidelines in place,” Wilhoite said in a prepared statement. Those guidelines include a 60-minute limit on time in the building to maintain limited occupancy and face masks are required for all patrons and staff at all times. Wilhoite said the staff could provide a mask to those who do not have one and stressed that the masks must be worn over the nose and mouth.

The 6-foot social distancing rule will be in effect and capacity limits will be in place.

“Do not enter the building if you are sick or have been in contact with someone who is sick. If you have been sick or have been in contact with someone who has been diagnosed with COVID-19 in the past 14 days, do not enter the library,” Wilhoite cautioned.

Frequent cleaning of high touch points in the library are completed throughout the day and public computers will be cleaned after each use. Hand sanitizer is available at the entrance and throughout the library, she added.

Plexiglas barriers are in place at service points and no food or drinks are allowed in the library.

Wilhoite said that the safety policies will help the library to expand in-person services. Updates are available on the library website and Facebook page.

Patrons can make an appointment to use a library computer online at https://calendly.com/romulus_computer_appt/computer-appointment or on the library website, by phone at (734) 942-7589 and by romuluspubliclibrary@gmail.com.

Frequent cleaning of high touch points in the library are completed throughout the day and public computers will be cleaned after each use.

City clerk offering special hours to aid area voters

Romulus City Clerk Ellen Craig Bragg is among the local clerks extending hours this month to accommodate the strong voter turnout expected for the Nov. 3 election.

In Romulus, the clerk's office will be open from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. on Fridays through Oct. 30. The office will also be open from 8 a.m. until 4 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 31, Craig-Bragg said.

The last day to request an Absentee Ballot to be sent through the mail is Friday, Oct. 30, she reminded voters and the last day to request an absent voter ballot at the clerk's office is Monday, Nov. 2. Voters will not be able to take that ballot home with them and will be required to vote at the clerk's office.

“When requesting their AV ballot in person, voters should be prepared to present their photo ID,” Craig-Bragg said.

All seven polling locations in Romulus will be open from 7 a.m. until 8 p.m. on Election Day, she said. Voters should check which of the polling locations is assigned to their area including Romulus Middle School, Romulus Elementary School, Wick Elementary School, Barth Elementary School, Romulus Athletic Center, Romulus Senior Center and West Village Estates.

With construction on Wick Road access to Romulus Middle School will involve detour routes, she said, and signage will be posted along the routes. Craig-Bragg said a postcard was mailed to residents who vote at the middle schools (Precincts 1, 7, 10) to remind and inform residents of the detour routes.

Voters who have requested an Absentee Ballot and have not received it by Oct. 19 should contact the clerk's office at (734) 942-7540, she said. Voters who have not mailed in their absentee ballots before Oct. 19 should use the drop boxes provided outside city hall, she added.

When requesting their AV ballot in person, voters should be prepared to present their photo ID.

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MINUTES OF THE ROMULUS CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING - CLOSED SESSION
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1. Roll Call
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Administrative Officials in Attendance:
Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, Clerk
Administrative Staff in Attendance
Stephen Hitchcock, City Attorney
Julie Wojtylko, Chief of Staff
Greg Schultz, Labor Attorney
Kevin Losen, H.R. Director
D'Sjonaun Hockenhull, Deputy City Clerk

2. Moved by William Wadsworth, seconded by Kathy Abdo to accept Special Meeting Agenda

Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Abdo, Barden, Roscoe, Talley, Wadsworth, Webb, Williams
Nays - None
Motion Carried Unanimously

3. Moved by Kathy Abdo, seconded by Eva Webb to accept the Motion to convene to Closed Session for Union Negotiations

Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Abdo, Barden, Roscoe, Talley, Wadsworth, Webb, Williams
Nays - None
Motion Carried Unanimously

4. Discussion:

5. Clerk's review closed session minutes, City Clerk
FOR THE RECORD: NO BUSINESS WAS CONDUCTED DURING CLOSED SESSION
Councilwoman Williams joined the meeting

6. Moved by William Wadsworth, seconded by Kathy Abdo to accept the Motion to reconvene to Open Session.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Abdo, Barden, Roscoe, Talley, Wadsworth, Webb, Williams
Nays - None
Motion Carried Unanimously

7. Moved by Kathy Abdo, seconded by Celeste Roscoe to accept the Motion to adjourn the Special Meeting

Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Abdo, Barden, Roscoe, Talley, Wadsworth, Webb, Williams
Nays - None
Motion Carried Unanimously

I, Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, Clerk for the City of Romulus, Michigan do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true copy of the minutes of the regular meeting of the Special Meeting - Closed Session held on September 14, 2020.

Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, City Clerk
City of Romulus, Michigan

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MINUTES OF THE ROMULUS CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING - CLOSED SESSION
September 28, 2020
Romulus City Hall Council Chambers, 11111 Wayne Rd, Romulus, MI 48174
MEETING HELD ELECTRONICALLY
VIA ZOOM MEETING/TELECOMMUNICATION

1. Roll Call
Present: Kathy Abdo, John Barden, Celeste Roscoe, Tina Talley, Eva Webb, Virginia Williams
Absent / Excused: William Wadsworth

Administrative Officials in Attendance:
Leroy Burcroff, Mayor
Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, Clerk
Stacy Paige, Treasurer
Administrative Staff in Attendance:
Stephen Hitchcock - City Attorney; Julie Wojtylko - Chief of Staff; Kevin Losen - H.R. Director; Stephen Dudek - Technology Director; D'Sjonaun Hockenhull - Deputy Clerk

2. Moved by Kathy Abdo, seconded by Eva Webb to accept the Special Meeting Agenda

Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Abdo, Barden, Roscoe, Talley, Wadsworth, Webb, Williams
Nays - None
Abstain - Wadsworth (not present)
Motion Carried Unanimously.

3. Moved by Celeste Roscoe, seconded by Kathy Abdo to accept the Motion to convene to Closed Session

Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Kathy Abdo, John Barden, Celeste Roscoe, Tina Talley, Eva Webb, Virginia Williams
Nays - None
Abstain - Wadsworth (not present)
Motion Carried Unanimously.

4. Discussion:

5. Clerk's review closed session minutes, City Clerk
FOR THE RECORD: NO BUSINESS WAS CONDUCTED DURING CLOSED SESSION
Councilman Wadsworth joined meeting at 6:33pm

6. Moved by William Wadsworth, seconded by Celeste Roscoe to accept the Motion to reconvene to Open Session.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Abdo, Barden, Roscoe, Talley, Wadsworth, Webb, Williams
Nays - None
Motion Carried Unanimously

7. No comment(s) from the public

8. Moved by William Wadsworth, seconded by Virginia Williams to accept Motion to adjourn the Special Meeting

Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Abdo, Barden, Roscoe, Talley, Wadsworth, Webb, Williams
Nays - None
Motion Carried Unanimously

I, Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, Clerk for the City of Romulus, Michigan do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true copy of the minutes of the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held on September 28, 2020.

Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, City Clerk
City of Romulus, Michigan

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ORDINANCE 2020-005
CITY OF ROMULUS
APPENDIX A - ZONING
AMENDMENT 1.248

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ARTICLE 6, CENTRAL BUSINESS DISTRICT, SECTION 6.02; and ARTICLE 7, BUSINESS DISTRICTS, SECTION 7.02 of the ZONING ORDINANCE FOR THE CITY OF ROMULUS.

THE CITY OF ROMULUS ORDAINS:

SECTION 1. Article 16, is amended to read as follows:

Section 16.01 Intent

The intent of these requirements is to ensure that all residential and nonresidential condominiums, including attached condominiums and detached site condominiums, are developed in compliance with accepted planning and engineering standards applicable to similar forms of development, as reflected in the ordinances and requirements of the City of Romulus. Site condominiums are a permitted form of development for uses permitted within any district, subject to the requirements of that district; requirements applicable to the form of development (i.e. subdivision requirements for site condominiums or multiple-family site plan requirements for attached condominiums); and the regulations of this Article.

Section 16.02 Review Process

All condominium plans shall be submitted for review and approval in accordance with the process as outlined in Article 17, Site Plan Review Requirements and Procedures, of this Ordinance prior to the recording of the master deed as required in the Condominium Act (MCL 559.172). In addition, prior to any new construction, engineering plans shall be submitted for review and approval, and all necessary federal, state and local permits shall have been obtained. Condominium plans shall be reviewed under the following procedures and are subject to fees.

- (a) **Tentative Plan (Optional).** Applicants may submit a Tentative Condominium Plan to the City. This opportunity is available for the applicant to better understand what will be required for following submittals for a condominium development. This plan will be reviewed by the City staff and consultants to provide written recommendation and comments.
- (b) **Preliminary Condominium Plan.** The proposed Preliminary Condominium Plan shall be submitted for review by the Planning Commission with recommendation to the City Council. It is encouraged that the proposed site plan associated with the Preliminary Condominium Plan for any development be submitted to be reviewed concurrently with the Preliminary Condominium Plan. This is to ensure full compliance with City standards and ordinances, as revisions to either the condominium plan or site plan could directly impact the other. Revisions to an approved Preliminary Condominium Plan may require resubmittal and approval. The plans shall be reviewed by the City staff and consultants for compliance with City standards and ordinances and written comments will be provided to the Planning Commission.

(1) The Planning commission shall review and make e a recommendation to the City Council to either approve, approve with conditions, or deny the Preliminary Condominium Plan; the Planning Commission shall approve, approve with conditions, or deny any associated site plan for the proposed development.

(2) Following the Planning Commission recommendation the Preliminary Condominium Plan will be forwarded to the City Council for approval, approval with conditions or denial.
- (c) **Engineering Plan Review.** Detailed engineering plans shall be submitted in accordance with the City of Romulus Engineering Design and Construction Standards Manual for review and approval. Plans shall be submitted within eighteen (18) months of the approved site. A one (1) year extension may be granted by the City Council, with all extension requests to be directed through the City Planning Department. No construction activities may begin for any project until detailed engineering plans have been approved by the City Engineer and performance guarantees in accordance with Section 21.10 are in place, and preconstruction meeting held with the City and property developer or proprietor present.
- (d) **Final Condominium Plan.** The Final Condominium Plan shall be submitted with all parts updated to reflect the site as it is constructed. The site shall have been substantially completed prior to submittal with all paving, utilities and units completed.

(1) The Final Condominium Plan shall be presented to the Planning Commission for final approval.

(2) The Final Condominium Plan will require City Council approval only if it is determined that significant changes to the plan have been made from the approved preliminary condominium plan.

Tentative Condominium Plan (optional)

- 1) Administrative Review and Comment



Site Plan (before or concurrent with Preliminary Condominium Plan)

- 1) Administrative Review & recommendation to Planning Commission
- 2) Planning Commission Review & approval/denial



Preliminary Condominium Plan

- 1) Administrative Review 81. Recommendation to Planning Commission
- 2) Planning Com. mission Review and Recommendation to City Council
- 3) City Council Review & approval/denial



Engineering Plan

- 1) City Engineer Review & approval/denial
- 2) Approval by outside applicable agencies
- 3) Preconstruction meeting between City & Developer



Construction

- 1) City inspection required for all public utilities, paving, grading etc.
- 2) Upon Construction Completion as-built drawings shall be submitted for review and approval by the City Engineer



Final Condominium Plan

- 1) Administrative Review & Recommendation to Planning Commission
- 2) Planning Commission Review

Section 16.03 Submittal Requirements

- (a) **Tentative Condominium Plan.** The submittal of a tentative condominium plan is optional. The applicant may submit and is encouraged to submit more information but below is the minimum information required to review:

(1) Name, address and telephone number of:

a. The Applicant.

b. The Property owner.

c. Developer or proprietor of the condominium project.

(2) Legal description of the proposed parcel(s) to be developed including tax identification numbers and parcel size.

(3) Zoning of the proposed and adjacent parcels.

(4) Proposed site use and anticipated number of units.

(5) Plan indicating proposed units, size and location.

(6) Additional information as required for the preliminary submittal is encouraged.
- (b) **Preliminary Condominium Plan.** A full draft submittal of the condominium plan prepared by an appropriate design professional registered in the State of Michigan. Submittal shall bear the signature and seal of the licensed Architect, Engineer or Surveyor that prepared the plan. All parts as required under section 66 of the Condominium Act shall be submitted where applicable including:

(1) Coversheet.

(2) Survey plan, signed and sealed by a licensed professional surveyor.

(3) Flood plain plan, site is within or abuts a floodplain area.

(4) Site plan, as approved by the Planning Commission.

(5) Utility Plan.

(6) Floor Plan.

(7) Size, location, area and horizontal boundaries of each condominium unit.

(8) Each unit shall have a number assigned.

(9) Any proposed phasing shall be identified on the plan. Items that “must be built” or “need not be built” for each phase shall be clearly identified.

(10) Nature, location and size of common elements.

(11) Draft of the master deed, bylaws and articles of incorporation of the association.
- (c) **Engineering Plan.** Detailed engineering drawings shall be submitted to the Building Department in accordance with the City of Romulus Engineering Design and Construction Standards Manual. Plans shall meet the requirements of the City engineering standards and shall include but are not limited to the site plan as approved by the Planning Commission, detailed grading plan, fully dimensioned paving and utility plans, utility profiles, and storm sewer and detention calculations and applicable City standard details. All applicable permits and/or approvals for the proposed development shall be obtained and copies submitted. The City Engineer shall assist the applicant in obtaining appropriate permits for construction of any proposed City owned utilities such as public water main or public sanitary sewer.
- (d) **Final Condominium Plan.** All items included in the Preliminary Condominium Plan submittal shall be resubmitted reflecting any conditions required by the City during the Preliminary

Condominium Plan submittal, revisions required during the Engineering Plan review and any other revisions made to the plan as it was constructed. All items identified as "must be built" shall have been completed. Documents submitted shall be reproductions of the original drawings and shall be signed and sealed by the appropriate design professionals.

Section 16.04 Construction

- (a) Construction of proposed development shall begin within eighteen (18) months of the Preliminary Condominium Plan approval. The City Council may grant an extension of one (1) year. All requests for extensions shall be submitted to the City Planning Department prior to expiration of the Preliminary Condominium Plan approval.
- (b) During construction the City shall inspect all required improvements such as streets, utilities, stormwater drainage and monummentation. A certificate of occupancy shall not be issued until it is determined that all required improvements have been properly installed in accordance with the City and industry standards and permit requirements.
- (c) Following completion of construction the developer or proprietor shall also furnish an as-built survey meeting the requirements outlined in the City of Romulus Engineering Design and Construction Standards Manual.
- (d) Final acceptance of all utilities, infrastructure and streets shall be accomplished prior to issuance of any temporary or final certificate of occupancy. The City may require all appropriate code inspections.
- (e) Final acceptance and release may be completed in phases as approved by the City. Any proposed phases shall be clearly outlined on the approved site plans.

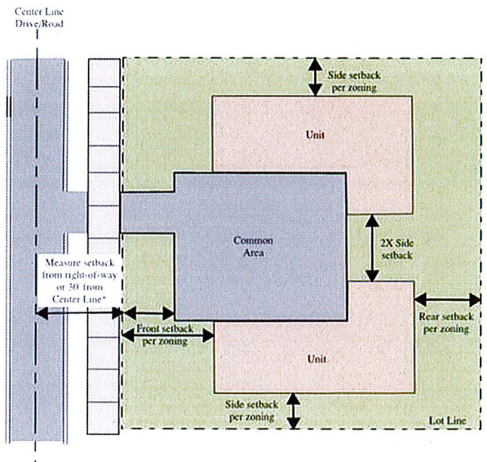
Section 16.05 District Requirements and Design Standards

- (a) For condominiums with no clearly defined internal unit lines, all improvements shall meet the setback requirements from the exterior lines. Site condominium developments with unit lines (site condominiums) shall meet the setbacks required for the zoning district in which the condominium is located. Any proposed interior front yards shall be measured as defined below. In addition all improvements including buildings, parking, and loading and storage areas within the site shall be constructed no less than 2 times the required side or rear setback for the district from one another.

(1) **Front Yard Setback.** The front yard shall be considered as any existing or proposed public and/or private road right-of-way, or a line parallel to center line of the drive thirty (30) foot offset, whichever is greater.

(2) **Side Yard Setback.** The setback shall be considered as lot/parcel lines generally extending between the front and rear yard or from a front and another side yard line where no rear exists.

(2) **Rear Yard Setback.** The rear yard shall be considered a line generally opposite and parallel to the front yard. In no instance shall a rear yard line ever intersect a front yard line.


- (b) **Single Family Residential (Site Condominium).** All detached single family homes shall meet City design requirements for residential subdivisions and shall comply with Article 3, Single-Family Residential Districts. Dwelling density and spacing shall be no different than if the project were to be subdivided, pursuant to the Land Division Act
- (c) **Attached or Multi-family Residential.** All attached or multifamily residential development shall meet the requirements of Article 4, Multiple Family Residential Districts.
- (d) **Commercial, Office and Industrial.** Nonresidential development shall comply with applicable zoning standards applicable for the associated zoning district.

Section 16.06 Utility Easements

The Condominium Plan shall identify all easements impacting the site, existing or proposed. All proposed public easements shall be subject to the review and approval of the City. Standards public utility easement requirements are identified in the City of Romulus Engineering Design and Construction Standards Manual, however additional requirements or easement width may be required based on the site design or other unique existing restrictions.

Section 16.07 Access and Roads

The Condominium Plan shall clearly define a safe and reasonable access to all identified condominium units. This shall include roads and drives, or shared access defined in the mater deed. Any roads or drives internal to the site intended to benefit more than a single unit shall be constructed in accordance with the City of Romulus Engineering Design and Construction Standards Manual for public roads. Based on the nature of the Condominium Plan, the City will determine the number and layout of the units whether any roads constructed are to be public or private.

Proposed emergency vehicle access route shall be clearly identified on the plan and shall be maintained. as required by the Fire Department. Maintenance of the proposed emergency vehicle access shall be addressed in the master deed.

Section 16.08 Monuments Required

All condominium projects shall be fully monumented as follows.

- (a) Monuments shall be located at all exterior boundary corners and points of curvature, intersections of street lines and intersection of the exterior boundary with street.
- (b) All monuments used shall be made of solid iron or steel bars at least one-half (½) inch in diameter and thirty-six (36) inches long and completely encased in concrete at least four (4) inches in diameter.
- (c) If the required location of a monument is an inaccessible place, or where the locating of a monument would be clearly impracticable, it is sufficient to place a reference monument at the nearest point possible and indicate the precise location on the plans and referenced to the true point.
- (d) All monuments shall be placed flush to the ground where practical
- (e) For site condominiums, unit corners not otherwise required to be monumented as outlined above, shall be monumented in the field by iron or steel bars or iron pipes at least eighteen (18) inches long and one-half (½) inch in diameter, or other approved markers.

SECTION 2: Severability.

Should any word, sentence, phrase or any portion of this ordinance be held in any manner invalid by any court of competent jurisdiction or by any state agency having authority to do so for any reason whatsoever, such holdings shall be construed and limited to such words, sentence, phrase, or any portion of the ordinance held to be so invalid and shall not be construed as effecting the validity of any of the remaining words, sentences, phrases or portions of this ordinance.

SECTION 3: Conflicting Ordinances.

All prior existing ordinances adopted by the City of Romulus inconsistent or in conflict with the provisions of this ordinance are, to the extent of such conflict or inconsistency hereby expressly repealed.

SECTION 4: Effective Date.

This ordinance shall take effect upon publication thereof in an official newspaper, which publication shall be made when the minutes passing the ordinance are published subject to revocation at will of the City of Romulus at any time.

ADOPTED, APPROVED AND PASSED by the City Council of the City of Romulus this 28th day of September, 2020.

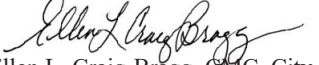

LEROY BURCROFF, Mayor


Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, CMC, City Clerk

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of the Ordinance as passed by the City Council of the City of Romulus at a regular Council Meeting on the 28th day of September, 2020.


Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, CMC, City Clerk

I further certify that the foregoing was published in The Eagle, a newspaper of general circulation in the City of Romulus, on the 15 day of October, 2020.


Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, CMC, City Clerk

Within forty-five (45) days after publication of any ordinance duly passed by the Council, a petition may be presented to the Council protesting against such ordinance continuing in effect. Said petition shall contain the text of such ordinance and shall be signed by not less than six percent (6%) of the registered electors registered at the last preceding election at which a Mayor of the City was elected. Said ordinance shall thereupon and thereby be suspended from operation and the Council shall immediately reconsider such ordinance.

Introduced: 9/14/2020

Adopted: 9/28/2020

Published: Oct. 15, 2020

Effective: Oct. 15, 2020

PLYMOUTH

Veterans group offering annual scholarships

Members of the Plymouth-Canton VFW Post 6695 and Auxiliary are sponsoring their annual scholarship program for any student in grades 6 through 12. There are no special qualifications, for the award, according to a prepared statement from the group.

Students in grades 6-8 can compete in the Patriot's Pen writing contest with a top prize of \$5,000 from the group. Students enrolled at any private, public, or parochial school and home schooled students may compete for the prize. The theme this year is "What Is Patriotism to Me?" Essays are to be 300-400 typewritten words (within a five-word margin) and must be entirely written by the student. Typewritten entries and a completed entry form must be delivered to VFW Post 6695 by 8 p.m. Oct. 31.

Students in grades 9-12 can compete in the Voice of Democracy contest with a top prize of \$30,000, VFW members said. The Voice of Democracy writing competition requires students to record their original 3-5 minute (within a 5-second margin) essay on an audio CD or flash drive. As with the Patriot's Pen competition, any student enrolled in any private, public or parochial school or any home schooled student is eligible to compete. The theme for the Voice of Democracy contest is "Is This the Country the Founders Envisioned?"

Entries must include a typewritten copy of the essay, the recorded essay and a completed entry form. Entries may be dropped off at VFW Post 6695, 1426 South Mill St., Plymouth, MI 48170 any time before 8 p.m. Oct. 31. Entry forms are available at VFW Post 6695, at the address above. Entry forms and instructions for either the Patriot's Pen or Voice of Democracy contests can also be downloaded from the VFW.org website. Once on the website, users can go to Community, then Youth & Education, then Youth Scholarships.

Students can also compete for a top prize of \$31,000 in the Young American Creative Patriotic Art Contest. Students in grades 9-12 may submit either a two- or three-dimensional original art piece. The deadline for submitting completed projects is March 31, 2021. Forms and instructions are available at the post or can be downloaded from the VFW website.

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Library seeking veterans' photos for annual display

Plymouth family members can remember those who served in the armed forces during the annual Honoring Our Veterans exhibit planned for the entire month of November at the Plymouth District Library.

The community tradition includes a large photo display of veterans and active military personnel provided by local family members and friends. While photos of all military personnel will be included, the focus of the 2020 display will be Women in the Military. A military uniform from the Women's Army Auxiliary Corps (WAC), memorabilia, and documentation from Detroit-area women who served will be featured.

Some of these items are from the collection of local veteran, John Pappas. Previous military displays at the library were also provided by Pappas and highlighted the Civil War.

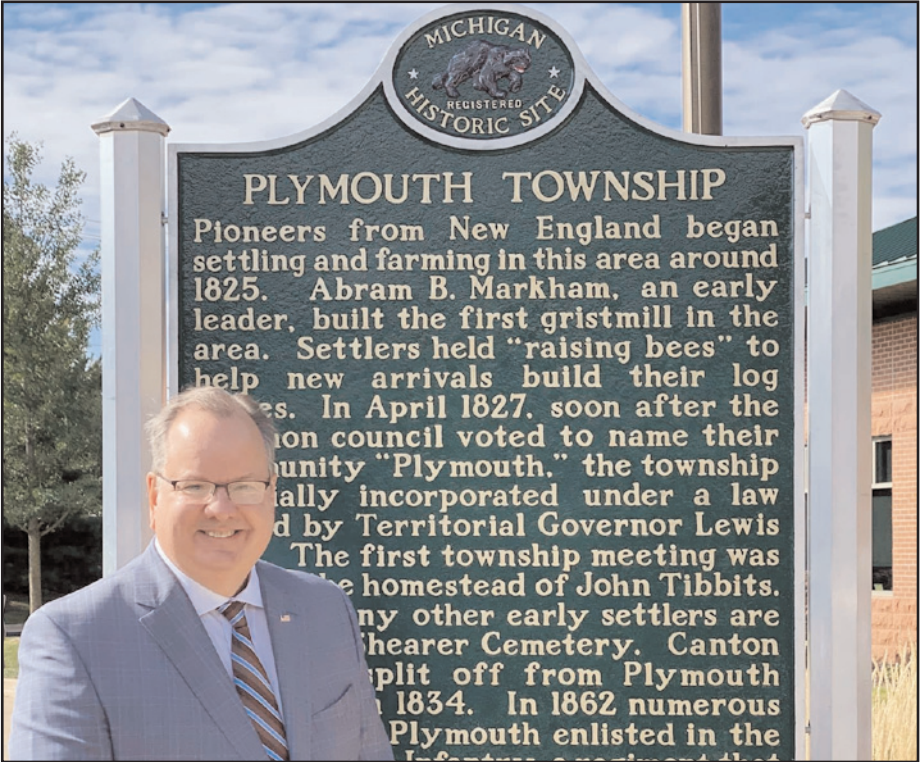
Photos can be submitted by emailing them to print@plymouthlibrary.org. The library staff can also scan original photos upon request. No personal information will be displayed with the photographs.

The library display will also feature a "white table" in November. Traditionally, the table is set with a white tablecloth, a black napkin and white candle, and a plate with a slice of lemon and salt. An empty chair leans against the table. This tradition, little known to the general public, is in remembrance of prisoners of war and those missing in action.

The display is modeled after the table in the children's book America's White Table, written by Margot Theis Raven and illustrated by Mike Benny. It is available for check-out at the library.

For more information about the November veterans display, call (734) 453-0750, ext 242.

No personal information will be displayed with the photographs.



Sign of the times

Plymouth Township Supervisor Kurt Heise was among the local officials and residents who unveiled the first State of Michigan Historic Marker in front of township hall earlier this month. The installation was made possible in part by a donation from the Michael Cameron Dempsey Fund through Township Trustee Jack Dempsey and the research and advocacy of members of the Historic District Commission.





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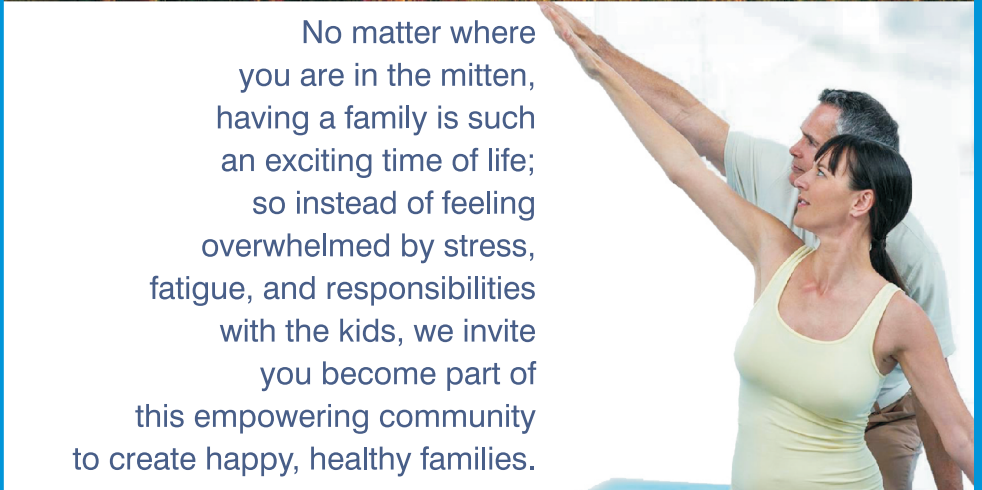
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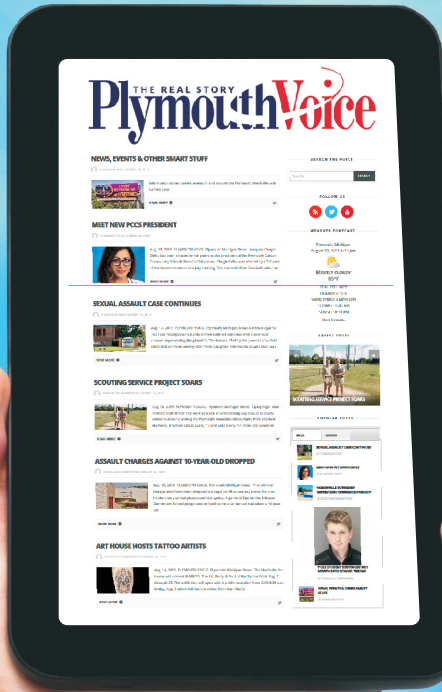


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CANTON

Aquatic center to remain closed for renovations

The Aquatic Center at the Summit on the Park is expected to reopen early next year, following completion of \$1.5 million in major renovations.

The project will include replacement of the copper roof over the indoor Aquatic Center, as well as the iconic spire, located on the roof of the Summit on the Park. Additional enhancements include replacement of skylights, updated tile in locker rooms and sauna, as well as significant tile replacement in all pools, as well as on pool decks.

“After careful consideration of the requirements for re-opening our recreation center’s pool after being closed under state orders, Summit staff felt that it would be difficult to do so to just turn around and have to close again so soon,” said Summit on the Park Facility Supervisor Jason Lombardo. “Once we reviewed the Summit’s Capital Improvement Projects slated for 2021, the decision was made to proceed with these major renovations in 2020, as opposed to re-opening now and then having to schedule a future closure again so soon for these significant renovations.”

Using the Canton Improvement Program (CIP), the Summit on the Park can enhance existing recreational amenities, as well as provide essential updates to this 24-year-old community asset. As renovations progress, the Aquatic Center will reopen in phases as construction allows until it is able to open to full operation, officials said.

The 13,340 square-foot Aquatic Center is home to a five-lane, 25-yard lap pool; zero-depth leisure pool with play features; lazy river and slide, as well as a steam room and sauna. The Aquatic Center provides a safe environment in which participants can achieve their highest level of fitness through aquatic activity. Programming for all ages and ability levels includes a variety of learn-to-swim programs, as well as fitness and water-safety classes, a spokesman noted.

For more information about all the programs or for Summit on the Park Aquatic Center construction updates, as well as available memberships, visit www.summitonthepark.org or call (734) 394-5460.



Located in Canton, Michigan, the Summit on the Park Aquatic Center is expected to reopen in early 2021 after major renovations.

Clerk’s office is open Saturdays

Canton Township Clerk Michael Siegrist, along with several other clerks in the area, will have special office hours this month in anticipation of the large voter turnout for the Nov. 3 election.

The clerk’s office will be open every Saturday this month to help meet voter needs. The Saturday hours are for election business only, and all other township departments will be closed to the public. The office will be open from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. Oct. 17, Oct 24 and from 8:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. on Saturday, Oct.31.

Voters are also encouraged to visit mi.gov/vote. This link takes users directly to the Michigan Voter Information webpage where visitors can verify voter registration; register to vote; request and track absentee ballots; find the correct polling place; view a sample ballot and other services.

Absentee ballots in Canton were mailed Sept. 24 and anyone who has not received their requested ballot should contact Siegrist’s office at (734) 394-5120.

Canton bond sale is successful

Canton Township experienced a “very favorable” bond sale last month, officials said.

According to Wendy Trumbull, township finance and budget director, there were six bidders on the municipal bonds, which were ultimately awarded to UBS. While the interest rate on the bonds ranges between 3-5 percent, the Canton bonds were sold at a premium, meaning that Canton received \$2.3 million in cash.

This essentially lowers the net interest rate to 1.17 percent per year, Trumbull explained.

The bonds were issued to pay for the Canton five-year capital improvement plan, which includes improvements to municipal facilities and infrastructure that have been deferred for the last 10 years. The sale was helped, Trumbull noted, by the affirmation by Standard & Poor’s affirmation of the previous bond rating of AA, with an outlook of “stable.”

The rating was based on factors including “the swift financial reaction to the COVID pandemic as well as the ability of the township to raise revenue if needed,” Trumbull added in a prepared statement.

Sumpter Township, Michigan
REQUEST FOR BIDS
For
JANITORIAL & CLEANING SERVICES
Bids Due: October 26th, 2020 at 11:00 am

Sumpter Township is requesting bids for the above services at several of its facilities. All SEALED bids and supplied information will be received at The Clerk’s Office, 23480 Sumpter Rd, Belleville, MI 48111 until the Bids Due date and time specified above. No bids will be accepted after this date and time.

Bid Specifications and Information are available at The Clerk’s Office. You may call (734) 461-6201 or email deputyclerk@sumptertwp.org for further direction.

Public Bid Opening will be conducted at the Sumpter Township Hall Board Room, 23480 Sumpter Road, Belleville, MI 48111 at 11:00 am on October 26th, 2020.

Sumpter Township reserves the right to reject any or all bids

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
INVITATION TO BID

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 Canton Center S, Canton, Michigan will accept sealed bids at the Office of the Clerk up to 3:00 p.m. Thursday, October 29, 2020 for the following:

PURCHASE OF FIELD CAMERAS AND LENSES

Bids may be picked up at the Finance and Budget Department, on the MITN Purchasing Group website at <https://www.bidnet-direct.com/mitn/cantontownship> or you may contact Mike Sheppard at: 734/394-5225. All bids must be submitted in a sealed envelope clearly marked with the proposal name, company name, address and telephone number and date and time of bid opening. The Township reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals. The Township does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age or disability in employment or the provision of services.

MICHAEL SIEGRIST, CLERK

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 Canton Center S, Canton, Michigan will accept sealed bids at the Office of the Clerk up to 3:00 p.m. Thursday, October 29, 2020 for the following:

CARPETING REPLACEMENT FOR HUMAN SERVICES BUILDING AND PHEASANT RUN GOLF CLUB

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
ACCESS TO PUBLIC MEETINGS

The Charter Township of Canton will provide necessary, reasonable auxiliary aids and services to individuals with disabilities at the meeting/hearing upon notice to the Charter Township of Canton.

In accordance with the requirements of Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 ("ADA"), the Charter Township of Canton will not discriminate against qualified individuals with disabilities on the basis of disability in its services, programs, or activities.

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INVITATION TO BID

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PLANNING COMMISSION
CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON, WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Michigan Public Act 110 of 2006, of the State of Michigan, as amended, and pursuant to the Zoning Ordinance of the Charter Township of Canton that the Planning Commission of the Charter Township of Canton will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, November 9, 2020, at the *Cherry Hill Village Theater, 50400 Cherry Hill Road, at 7:00 p.m.* on the following proposed amendment to the Zoning Ordinance:

HAVENS ORTHODONTICS MINOR PLANNED DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT (PDD) - CONSIDER REQUEST TO ESTABLISH A PDD AS PERMITTED IN SECTION 27.04 OF THE ZONING ORDINANCE INCLUSIVE OF PARCEL NO(S). 010-99-0013-000 (8770 Canton Center N) and 010-99-0014-000 (8758 Canton Center N). Property is located on the southeast corner of Joy and Canton Center Roads.

Written comments addressed to the Planning Commission should be received at the Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 Canton Center S. prior to Thursday, November 5, 2020, in order to be included in the materials submitted for review.

SEE ATTACHED MAP

Greg Greene, Chairman
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To mitigate the spread of the COVID-19 pandemic, protect the public health, and provide essential protections to Canton Township residents; Canton Township will follow CDC guidelines in conducting public meetings with social distancing practices.

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NORTHVILLE



Spooky spirits of the season Annual Halloween skeleton display in Northville attracts crowds of admirers

While the Halloween spirit and some activities are in question due to the Coronavirus safety precautions, the skeletons in downtown Northville are on full display.

The skeleton vignettes, which have become a tradition in the city and an attraction to visitors from throughout the area, is sponsored by the Downtown Development Authority and local merchants and will continue though Oct. 31.

Some of the most popular skeleton spoofs have returned this year, including the arm wrestlers at Main and Center streets, the suitor proposing marriage to his sweetie at Orin Jewelers and the witch walking her dog at Loria's.

New exhibits this year include the sax-

ophone playing skeleton at Comerica Community Connection, the dog with his bone on East Main Street and the huge display in Town Square.

Northville is well-known for the Halloween decorations throughout homes and yards in neighborhoods, especially in the Historic District. City officials cautioned that masks are advised for those

and remember the skeletons are friendly but shouldn't be touched," a city spokesperson advised.

Visitors can find their favorite skeleton, take a photo and post it to the DDA social media sites using the hashtags: #SkeletonsAreAlive Families may want to extend the skeleton tour by visiting the outdoor book walk sponsored by the Northville District Library in the park behind city hall. The Northville Art House is also open October weekends with a gallery showing of Detroit revitalization mosaics by Novi artist Darcel Deneau.

SYNOPSIS

SPECIAL MEETING

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

DATE: Thursday, October 8, 2020

TIME: 6:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER: Supervisor Nix called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Robert R. Nix II, Supervisor Symantha Heath, Trustee

Marjorie F. Banner, Clerk Mindy Hermann, Trustee

Fred Shadko, Treasurer Christopher Roosen, Trustee

ABSENT/ VIRTUAL: Scott Frush, Trustee

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

1. Budget Public Hearing

A. Open Public Hearing for 2021 Budget – Opened and Conducted at 6 p.m.

The public hearing for the 2021 budget closed at 6:48 p.m.

2. Brief Public Comments: None

3. Funding for Former Gun Range Lead Remediation Project – Approved

4. ADJOURN: Meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Robert R. Nix II, Supervisor

Marjorie F. Banner, Clerk

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MINUTES OF THE ROMULUS CITY COUNCIL

SPECIAL MEETING - STUDY SESSION

September 14, 2020

Romulus City Hall Council Chambers, 11111 Wayne Rd, Romulus, MI 48174

MEETING HELD ELECTRONICALLY

VIA ZOOM MEETING/TELECOMMUNICATION

1. Present: Kathy Abdo, John Barden, Celeste Roscoe, Tina Talley, William Wadsworth, Eva Webb, Virginia Williams

Absent / Excused:

Administrative Officials in Attendance:

Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, Clerk

Administrative Staff in Attendance:

Julie Wojtylko, Chief of Staff; Stephen Hitchcock, City Attorney; Robert McCraight, Building Director; Carol Maise, City Planner; D'Sjonaun Hockenhull, Deputy City Clerk

2. Moved by Kathy Abdo, seconded by Tina Talley to accept the Study Session Agenda as presented

Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Abdo, Barden, Roscoe, Talley, Wadsworth, Webb, Williams

Nays - None

Motion Carried Unanimously

3. Discussion: City Planner Carol Maise introduced the representatives from Ashley Capital. Attorney Brad Strada presented a PowerPoint presentation regarding Zoning Ordinance Amendment to TA-2019-002; Section 7.05, Vining Road Subarea Overlay District. Council agreed to table discussion and strike Introduction and First Reading from the Clerk's Report under agenda item 6a of the city council regular meeting agenda. Jessica Krater gave overview of Zoning Ordinance Amendment to TA-2020-001; Article 16, Condominiums.

4. Public Comment - None

5. Moved by William Wadsworth, seconded by Kathy Abdo to adjourn the Special Meeting at 7:21 p.m.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Abdo, Barden, Roscoe, Talley, Wadsworth, Webb, Williams

Nays - None

Motion Carried Unanimously

I, Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, Clerk for the City of Romulus, Michigan do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true copy of the minutes of the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held on September 14, 2020.

Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, City Clerk

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State Wayne Theatre is now open for business

The State Wayne Theater was scheduled to reopen last week the first time since closing in response to COVID 19 health concerns.

“To take the challenge away from implementing social distancing, Phoenix Theatres installed a new reserved seating program in the computer system that allows guests to select their seat in advance either on the theater web site or newly-developed mobile app. The computer will automatically remove two seats between each pair sold, creating a checkerboard style pattern. With the extra wide spacing that is a result of the wide reclining seats, there will easily be 6 feet of separation between guests to safely social distance while watching a film,” explained Cory Jacobson, owner of Phoenix Theatres

“Prior to our re-opening, we will be meeting with a small specialized training group to individually work with every employee in the company,” said Sheena Hohman, director of employee training and development. “

New safety protocols have been established for every aspect of the theater; Jacobsen said, including: Phoenix

Theatres will have social distancing guidelines in all the common areas and most importantly in the theater auditoriums. The seating layout will automatically be configured within reserved seating computer software, so that customers will not be within 6 feet of other guests not in their family group; each employee will wear a mask and other protective equipment; guests will be required to wear face masks when moving about the theater; transactions at the ticketing and concession stand have been streamlined to further minimize touch points; Phoenix will use a food grade disinfectant spray on all seats that removes 99.99 percent of all viruses on surfaces within 30 seconds; each seat will be labeled with a “clean and sanitized” sticker to verify the cleaning procedure between showings has taken place and the same disinfectant spray will be used on high touch points throughout the building including the restrooms and concession areas. In addition, hand sanitizer stations will also be provided for customer use throughout the theater.

“With the recent verdict of the Michigan Supreme Court that places Gov. (Gretchen) Whitmer’s



guidance in question, we intend to follow the CinemaSafe guidelines to ensure the safety of our guests. All of our theatres in Michigan will re-open to support the return of Hollywood’s blockbuster movies to the big screen,” Jacobsen said.

“I believe allowing the movie

theaters to reopen while enforcing these guidelines is at least as safe, or safer, as any other comparable businesses currently permitted by Governor Whitmer to open, such as a shopping mall and likely safer than indoor restaurants, where people might have masks off for a significant

amount of time and which are employing far less aggressive risk reduction strategies,” noted Sims.

To view Phoenix Theatres reopening video plan and a complete listing of safety protocols, visit www.phoenixmovies.net/covid.

Autistic man may be retried in Westland armed robbery

An autistic man who suffered a serious injury as a result of a blow from a Westland police officer wielding a baton may once again face armed robbery charges.

Judge Sandra Cicirelli of the 18th District Court dismissed armed robbery charges against Nicholas Deshawn Blair, 24, during a hearing June 11. Her decision was based on a forensic report which evaluated him as incapable of cooperating in his own defense and having “no likelihood of competency.”

Cicirelli dismissed the

charges without prejudice which allows the charges to be refiled and prosecutors have entered a court motion to set aside that dismissal and have Blair undergo another competency evaluation.

If medical professionals find him competent during a Nov. 12 examination, Blair will face armed robbery charges in an incident which took place Jan. 16 at the Arby’s restaurant on North Wayne Road in Westland. According to police reports, Blair entered the restaurant and implied he had a gun while

keeping his hand in his pocket and left the restaurant with about \$200. An employee reported a robbery and responding Westland police officers observed Blair running near Woodcrest Apartments. According to police reports, Blair did not respond to police orders to stop and subsequently fell face-first into landscape rocks.

Responding Ofc. Kristopher Landis reportedly struck Blair in the head and neck with a collapsible baton. He was subsequently fired for using excessive

force in the incident.

Westland Police Chief Jeff Jedrusik said the use of the baton by Landis did not adhere to department policy or training. Jedrusik also asked Wayne County prosecutors to review the use-of-force evidence against Landis, an evaluation which remains incomplete.

Blair recently had his eye surgically removed and repaired, according Jon Marko, the attorney representing him. Marko claims that the blow from the baton caused the injuries and added that the

trauma from the arrest made the life of a disabled man even more difficult.

“I think they should just dismiss the charges altogether,” said this is not unheard of,” said Marko. “It’s pretty standard. I’m not surprised.”

A co-defendant in the armed robbery case, Shairnee Carson, 32, who lived at the Woodcrest Apartments at the time Blair was arrested, pleaded guilty to a charge of being an accessory after the fact to a felony.

She is expected to be sentenced this month.

Shooting suspects still sought

Inkster police are continuing to search for two suspects in a shooting incident last week which took place during a large gathering at a party.

The shooting took place at about 12:25 a.m. Oct. 7, according to police reports at a home on the 30000 block of Carlyse in the city, where a large party was under way. Troopers were dispatched to the location following a report of a shooting. Witnesses told the responding officers that two unknown men approached the large crowd and fired multiple times, wounding three people. Individuals in the crowd fired back at the shooters, witnesses said.

One of the victims was transported to a local hospital for treatment of his non-life threatening wound by local first responders.

Both shooters then immediately ran

from the scene, heading south, according to police reports.

The other two wounded party-goers were being transported to a hospital for treatment when the personal vehicle in which they were riding was involved in a crash at Inkster and Ford roads in Dearborn Heights, police said. Those two, a 32-year-old man from Ypsilanti and a 24-year-old woman, were also taken to a local hospital by EMS responders for treatment of their injuries and wounds, according to police reports.

The shooting remains under investigation, police said.

Anyone with information about the incident is asked to contact the Michigan State Police Metro South Post at (734) 287-5000 or leave a tip on the Michigan State Police mobile app.

Wild

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district and recently, the city was recognized as one of America’s top 50 places to live, work, and play by Wall Street 24/7, according to a prepared statement from the League.

As League president, Wild plans to continue the efforts of the organization to reform the broken municipal finance system in the state will continue assisting member communities in recovering from the COVID-19 pandemic and hopes to continue infusing diversity, equity, and inclusion work into all aspects of the organization and membership, he said.

“I want to continue the work of the League and the direction the board has set over the last few years,” Wild said. “Obviously, we will be working to restart our communities and our local economies post COVID-19. And I’d like to see Michigan’s communities continue to take

leadership roles on the civil unrest we’re experiencing nationally.”

In addition, Wild hopes to make the importance of local communities a platform issue leading up to the next governor’s race in 2022.

“The League has done an incredible job with its SaveMICity municipal finance reform initiative, showing how the loss of state revenue sharing has hurt our communities,” Wild said. “But I would like us to turn that into a priority in the race for governor, and eventually I hope to see that trickle down and also become a platform issue in state Legislature races as well.”

He said the trick will be balancing all the different challenges and needs being faced by Michigan communities.

“We have to remain focused on those goals we had before the pandemic because our broken municipal finance system has not gone away,” Wild said. “We need to make progress on all fronts. We really have our work cut out for us this year, but it’s an exciting time, and together, I know we will accomplish a lot.”

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